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Title : BOOT INSERT FOR SNOWSHOE, BOOT EQUIPPED WITH
THE INSERT, AND LINE OF BOOT PRODUCTS



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Sir:

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US 3,525,166, FR 2786371, and WO 00/13538 were cited in a November 27, 2001 French Search Report in French priority application no. 0107108. A copy of the November 27, 2001 Search Report is submitted herewith, where U.S. Patent No. 6,243,972 is a member of the patent family of French 2,786,371, as noted in the French Search Report. The French Search Report is relied upon as a statement of the pertinency of French Patent Publication No. 2,786,371. U.S. Patent No. 6,243,972 is relied upon as an English translation of the French reference.

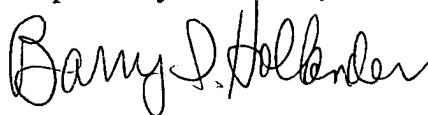
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